

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-196-C - ORDER NO. 2007-419
JUNE 5, 2007

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER GRANTING
Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina for Review) NPA-NXX RELIEF FOR
of NANPA NXX Code Assignments in the) CLEMSON RATE
Clemson Rate Center) CENTER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") by way of a Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T" or the "Company") for Review of NANPA NXX Code Assignments in the Clemson Rate Center. According to AT&T, it recently requested the assignment of the -9000 thousand number block in the (864) 656 NXX and the -0000, -1000, -2000, -3000, and -9000 thousand number blocks in the (864) 858 NXX to go with a customer's existing dialing plan within the Clemson exchange. It states that it does not have adequate numbering resources to satisfy its customer's demands. However, the record shows that the North American Numbering Pool Administrator ("NANPA") refused to provide these numbering resources because AT&T fails to meet the rate center based months-to-exhaust (MTE) and utilization criterion set forth in the Central Office Code NXX Guidelines.

NANPA's refusal is based on the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") "rate center" basis for determining the need for new numbering resources. Under FCC rules, carriers must exhaust their numbering inventory within six months of

the application and meet a rate center utilization threshold of 75 percent in order to receive additional numbering resources. However, the record reveals that AT&T is 26.92 months from exhausting their inventory and is only using 57.71 percent of its numbering resources.

AT&T petitions the Commission to reverse NANPA's decision. It maintains that it does not have the resources in the Clemson rate center necessary to provide the service requested by its customer, and it will therefore be unable to provide the telecommunications services requested by the customer if these additional numbering resources are not obtained. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff states that it has no objections to the Commission granting AT&T's request and believes that the public interest will be served by granting these additional numbering resources.

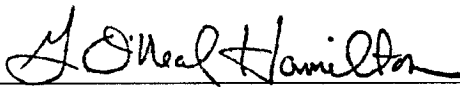
To this end, the Commission has the authority under both the FCC's rules and the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines to review a decision by NANPA denying a request for numbering resources. Further, under previous procedures used by the North American Numbering Plan Administration ("NANPA"), waivers or exceptions were typically granted in any case where customer hardships could be demonstrated or where the service provider's inventory did not have a block of numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific request. Under NANPA's existing procedures, however, if a carrier fails to meet the utilization threshold for the entire rate center, it will deny granting additional numbering resources and allows no exceptions.

Under the stated authority, we find that that AT&T has demonstrated receipt of a customer request for numbering resources in the Clemson rate center that it cannot meet

with its current inventory. Furthermore, these additional numbering resources are necessary for AT&T to provide this customer with its required telecommunications service. Consequently, we hold that NANPA is hereby directed to approve AT&T's code assignment that it recently requested in the Clemson Rate Center.

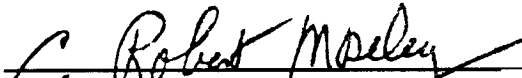
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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